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Dear Hal,

It was good to hear from you again. So little has been happening I was beginning to despair about the prospects for any of us ever getting the truth out. But your letter gave me encouragement with the news about the several suits you have going with Bud.

I am enclosing my complete file on the Thoresen case which was largely gathered by Bruce Lewis when he used to be in my class at S.F. State. There is also an article dated yesterday about Mrs. Thoresen pleading guilty in the shooting of her husband which is all I have of the recent stuff on him. I'm sorry I didn't keep a file besides the one I've enclosed, however, I have asked the Whites to send me what they have and as soon as I obtain this you will, of course, be getting it in the mail.

As for the bust of a major arms outfit beginning with an "E" which you requested I must have missed an article on this because I have no knwledge of it. The Whites said that they would search their files to locate it. And perhaps my friend, Tom Sanders, may recall this for he is more up on things like this than I am. Incidentally, speaking about Tom, he has been subpoenaed to appear before the McClellan Senate SubCommittee on Gov't Operations on Aug. 11 or 12 in Washington.

Their subpoena, which I read, asked him to bring all papers, effects, etc. regarding his work as editor of "Black Politics" and particularly his knowledge of the identity of one of his writers, George Prosser, who is a pseudonym for someone who writes under that name. He is the one you will recall who wrote articles about guns and how to defend yourself. It is obvious that they would try to implicate Tom in some kind of conspiracy which the Committee alleges is occurring across the country causing the rash of bombings and terrorist acts such as the burning of banks or public buildings.

Charles Garry has agreed to handle Tom's case and will undoubtedly tie it in with the suppression of dissent or unpopular causes as the Black Panthers. Tom has also asked me to prepare some kind of statement to the effect that we can introduce the assassination of political leaders as one that the Committee had not looked into when it should have if it were truly interested in finding out why terror exists in this country and how it operates. I have in mind some statement that would go like this:

"The ostensible purpose of the Committee is to investigate the causes for what it terms terrorist acts being conducted across the country undermining our way of life. But if this Committee were <u>really</u> interested in learning about the nature of violence and where this violence originates from it would have better directed its attention to examining the series of successive assassinations that have cut down our political leaders, both black and white, indicating some conspiracy within our

midsts that will stop at nothing to achieve its aims.

That the committee should instead "investigate" some writer who seeks only to better the lot of his fellow citizens by publishing artciles examining the root causes of the ills within our system reveals it as one with harrassment as its aim and bankrupt in nature."

That's just a veryrough idea of what I have in mind and I'll have to clean it up a bit. If you have any ideas about this, let me know.

By the way in today's Herb Caen column of the Chronicle there is a rather surprising item about Joe Dolan quitting KGO to take his bar exams and then joining none other than Garry's staff! How does that strike you? (Item enclosed).

I asked Paul to zerox and send you some stuff on the Skolnick thing and you should be getting that soon. It consists of transcripts made by Fred which he sent me and I am sending to you. I hope they come in useful.

One final thing: I got a letter early this month from Ivan Dryer, the writer who is doing a series for the L.A. Free Press on the Bobby Kennedy/Sirhan thing which I'm sure you're aware of. He wanted me to set up a rally for his group known as the "Echo Park Commission on Law and Order" but I haven't answered him. I doubt if I'll get involved, since that is a full time job to undertake and besides I have serious misgivings about the entire thing. Somehow, I detect the hand of Jonn Christian in all of this but according to the Whites when Bill Turner was on Jim Eason's show recently he said that Jonn had "disappeared"!

Well, that just shows you, Hal, that life goes on.

Best,
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